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In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 10/762,421

Art Unit: 1609

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Examiner: Aradhana Sasan

For: SUSTAINED RELEASE DEVICE AND
METHOD FOR OCULAR DELIVERY OF
CARBONIC ANHYDRASE INHIBITORS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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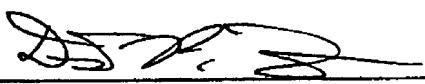
Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, dated March 1, 2007, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-3, 10, and 14-21, drawn to a sustained release drug delivery device. Applicants elect this group with traverse because Applicants submit that the simultaneous examination of Group II, drawn to a method that utilizes the device of claim 1 would present no significant additional burden for the Examiner, since the result of a full search of the subject matter of Group I would include a search of the methods as well. In addition, claims properly dependent on elected claims that are later allowed will need to be rejoined despite restriction at this stage, pursuant to MPEP 809 et seq.

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Also enclosed is a two-month petition for extension of time and authorization for the appropriate fee. Applicant believes no further fees are due with this response. However, if any further fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. CDSI-P01-040 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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